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second image processing means for processing a part of road images obtained by the image pickup means without sampling image data; and

selection means for selecting either the first image processing means or the second image processing means in response to a situation of traffic.

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Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect Claims 1, 2 and 4 (Group I) for prosecution in this application. Claim 3 (Group II) has been canceled.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are indicated as allowable. Minor changes have been made for clarification and the specification has been amended to correct errors of a typographical and grammatical nature.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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